

COLLECTORS' BOOK

346 HOT WHEELS® cars and trucks from the 1982 models back to the beginning!

1982 EDITION



Mattel® cannot supply older models. The 1982 line of HOT WHEELS® vehicles is available at stores.

Indicates vehicle is included in the 1982 Hot Wheels line.

The keynote for this second edition of the HOT WHEELS® COLLECTORS' BOOK is realism. You will see how original designs are carefully matched for Hot Wheels by precise measurement and the closest attention to detail.

Starting with the real thing—a full-size vehicle to be translated into a Hot Wheels® vehicle—artists, engineers, model makers and tool makers all go to great lengths to assure authenticity. Hot Wheels realism is the end product of infinite patience by skilled people who know and love cars.

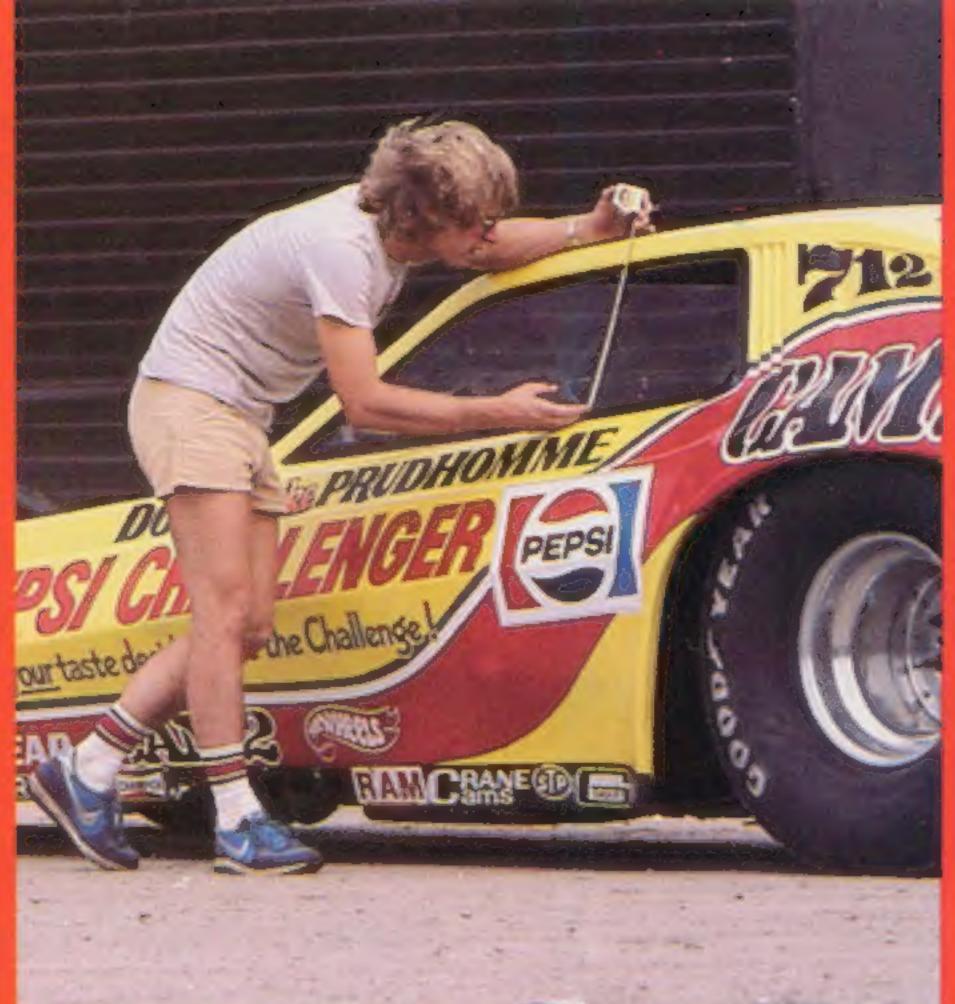
This second Collectors' Book provides a registry update. It gives you an accurate master list with photographs of 346 cars and

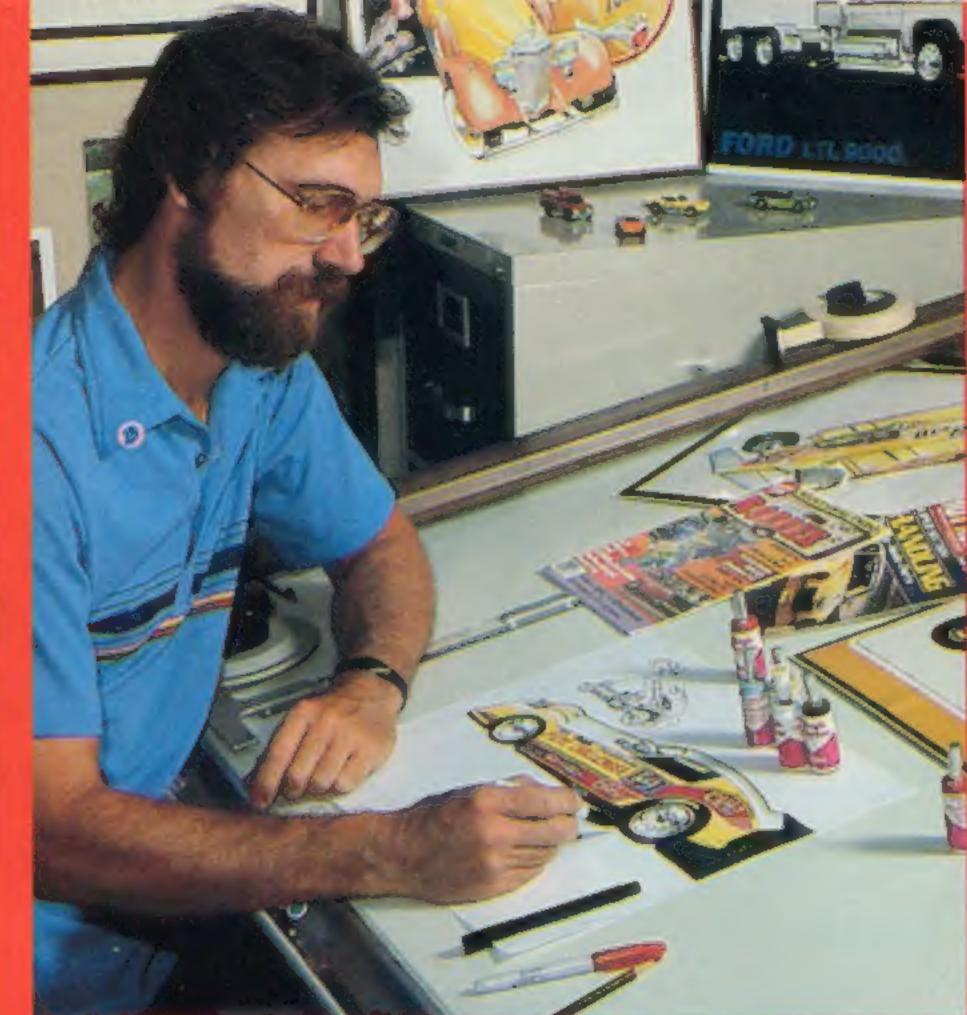
trucks introduced since the first Hot Wheels year, 1968. More than 350,000,000 Hot Wheels vehicles have been sold.

Additional Collector's Tips are included—extra inside information, model year by model year. You'll find these, plus photographs and news about Hot Wheels action sets and Steering Rigs, the tractor/trailers you "steer yourself".

We hope this book will add to your fun as you trade models and exchange knowledge with other Hot Wheels collectors. But this book is for you, even if you are not a collector. This book is for everybody who owns Hot Wheels cars and likes to race them and talk about them.







HOT WHEELS® REALISM...how it happens

- 1. Photographing the original. After considering many cars, trucks and vans, one vehicle is selected. Roll after roll of color photographs will be needed. Closeups of the grill, overhead and full-length views, every detail, both interior and exterior are captured on film.
- 2. Measuring the original. Precise measurements of the full-size original come next. Sometimes this requires consultation with manufacturers or owners of rare, older

- models. Detailed dimensions, such as height, wheelbase and engine compartment overhang are carefully noted.
- 3. From photographs to mechanical drawings. Hot Wheels designers are interested in *all* styling elements. The original vehicle is drawn to scale, accurate from bumper to bumper. Industrial engineers and draftsmen translate the photographs and measurements into

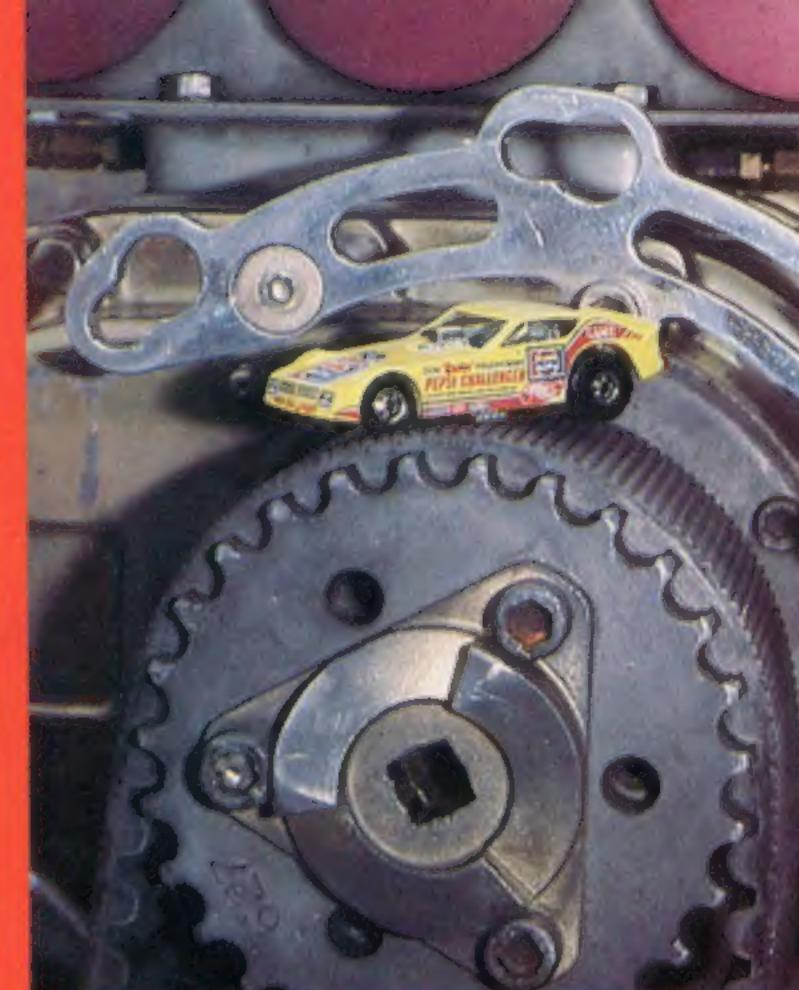












mechanical drawings.

- 4. Still more measurements for pattern making. No dimension can be overlooked and all parts must be in scale. To make sure, wooden models and tough epoxy patterns are formed. These are four times bigger than the actual Hot Wheels vehicle.
- 5. Reproducing authentic details. Door handles, emblems, the shape of a headlight or an instrument panel—these give each vehicle its special personality. And Hot Wheels color printing adds the finishing

touches beautifully, like fine pin stripes on the Stutz Blackhawk or the golden eagle on the Firebird.

6. The finished product. It's ready for you, Hot Wheels® number 2023, Pepsi* Challenger. It is based on the competition funny car made famous by Don Prudhomme, one of the winningest drag race drivers of all time! The miniature drag racer in die-cast metal is decorated, assembled and tested to Hot Wheels standards for quality and safety.

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Automotive elegance then and now! Hot Wheels for 1982 contrasts an ultra-modern front-wheel drive Cadillac Seville with a stately Cadillac town car, vintage 1935. True to Hot Wheels tradition, both status symbols are faithfully detailed. The Hot Wheels contemporary Cadillac accents the distinctive Seville profile with sweeping two-tone color. The '35 Classic Caddy has sidemounts and an open-air chauffeur's

compartment. The original had a 154-inch wheelbase and offered a telephone to talk to the driver through a glass partition! Our automotive future is represented by the fuel-efficient Fairmont Futura and Aries K-Car, plus an experimental car, Land Lord™. In 1982, additional vehicles are fitted with golden wheels and super-fast axles of smaller diameter. These are Hot Wheels® THE HOT ONES™!

COLLECTOR'S TIP

Hot Wheels collectors of the future will note carefully that the 380 SEL carries a pet in the rear seat.

































9241 Corvette Stingray

3955 Firebird Funny Car

3258 Aries Wagon

Twelve model introductions, plus reintroductions with new colors and tampo designs highlighted Hot Wheels® for 1981. There was Dixie Challenger™ with stars & bars on the roof, Chevy Citation and a French . classic of the 30's, the T-50 Bugatti. Two more vehicles are standout examples of Hot Wheels authenticity. Old Number 5[™] has a pumper up front, plus fire bell, firehose & ladders. And the eight-wheeler Airport Rescue™ has water guns that rotate. Seventy-five vehicles in all made up the line, Hot Wheels 1981.

◆ Our Collectors' Book first edition identified the '37 Bugatti as an "Italian masterpiece." Our apologies to France.



















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Golden hubcaps
identify Hot Wheels
THE HOT ONES™—
"fastest non-powered
die-cast metal cars."























Hot Wheels & welcomed the new decade with two innovative categories — Workhorses™ construction vehicles and HIRAKERS™ with an exciting raise & lower feature! All Workhorses had movable parts and a famous name — CAT, Peterbilt or North American★ Van Lines, All HIRAKERS™ rolled either close to the ground or rear end up --- ready to take off like a dragster. The superb 1980 Stutz Blackhawk honors both a great name and a modern classic in the true Hot Wheels tradition.



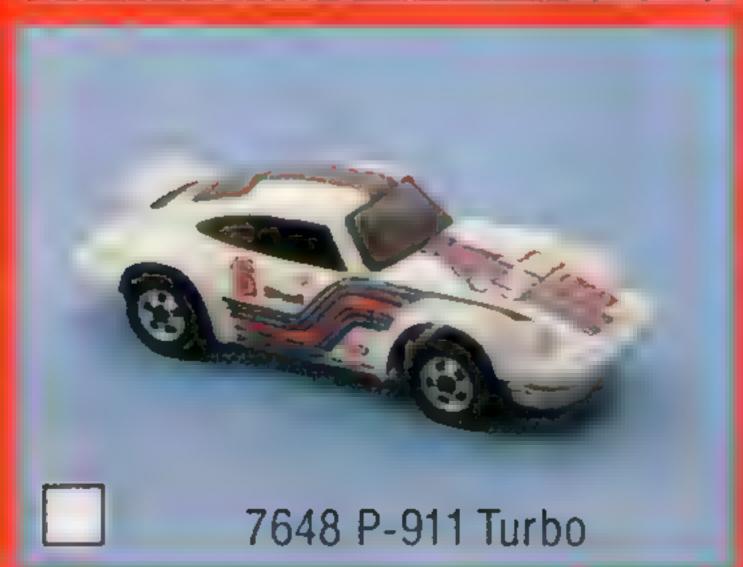












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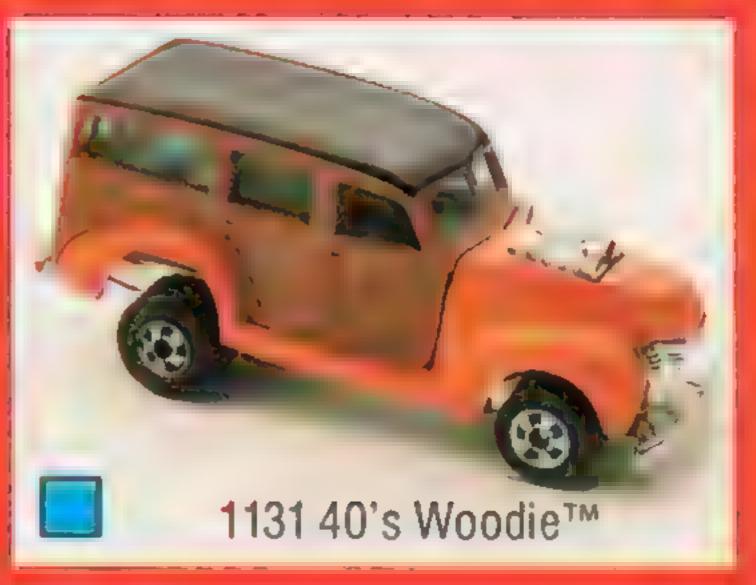


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"Woodie" or "Woody"? *Both* spellings are correct for Hot Wheels wagons. There's the '40's Woodie™ and the '31 Ford Woody.













Hot Wheels 79 introduced two highly imaginative new vehicle categories. Both became smash hits — Hot Wheels * Scene Machines™ and The Heroes " cartoon specials! Look inside, see a picture. "Hurry to the big Scene Machines™ picture show!" Space and S.W.A.T. team scenes and Marvel Comics scenes are on display inside the vehicles. Vans and cars in the Hot Wheels " The Heroes " line featured favorite cartoon characters, such as Captain America and the Incredible Hulk . What's more, 1979 was the year of the Hot Wheels Spider-Man : car.

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DOLLEGION'S TIP

Hot Wheels" Hot Bird", number 2014 with a dark brown paint job is much rarer than later versions in black.

















































1978 saw the introduction of one of the most popular Hot Wheels cars of all time—
Hot Bird Like the original Pontiac Trans Am car, Hot Bird has the golden Firebird emblem on its hood. The Hot Wheels version of the Army Funny Car carried the name of top-winning drag racing driver—Don Prudhomme. Seventeen Hot Wheels vehicles were offered for the model year, 1978.



















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There have been four Hot Wheels® police cars, not counting the space cop car, Science Friction®. Some had red dome lights. Some did not.

















Hot Wheels® for 1977 numbered sixty-nine vehicles . . . including the popular import, the Datsun Z-Whiz™, a GMC Motor Home and the regal Duesenberg. In the 1930's, the classic Doozie was the last word in luxury on wheels - one of the most costly fine motorcars built in America. The '31 Doozie phaeton has sidemount spare tires. By the late 1970's, the spacious GMC Motor Home became a regal contender for motoring luxury. The Hot Wheels versions feature authentic detailing. The GMC motor mansion has a wraparound picture window.

















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Originally, the Hot Wheels" '31 Doozie was yellow with brown trim. Later versions are green. Except for color, cars are identical.















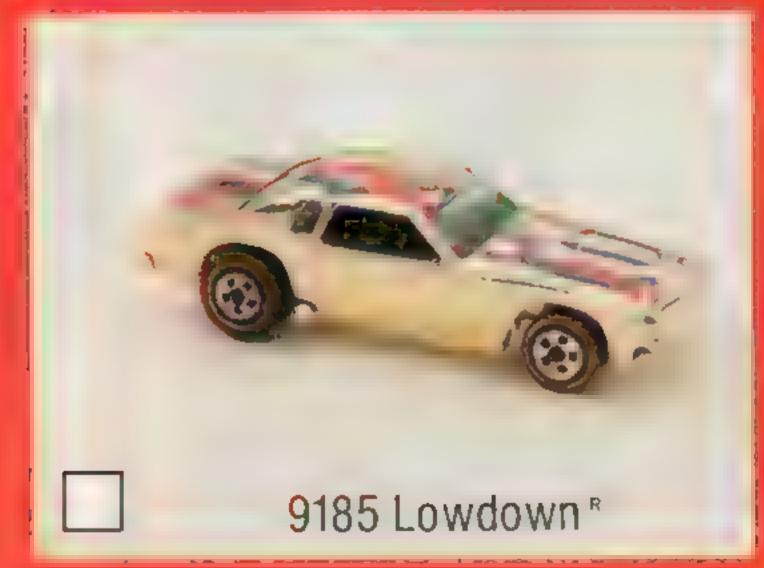
















To celebrate the nation's 200th birthday, the Hot Wheels sline introduced four vehicles painted red, white & blue. Two were trucks - the American Tipper® and the American Hauler®, plus two cars — a 1936 Ford coupe and the Formula 5000 racer - "No. 76". Along with the other patriotic colors, six 1976 Hot Wheels® models wore the olive drab of the United States Army, In addition, 1976 saw the introduction of a whole new category — Hot Wheels * Super Chromes - nine vehicles that gleamed but still displayed superb trim detailing.

















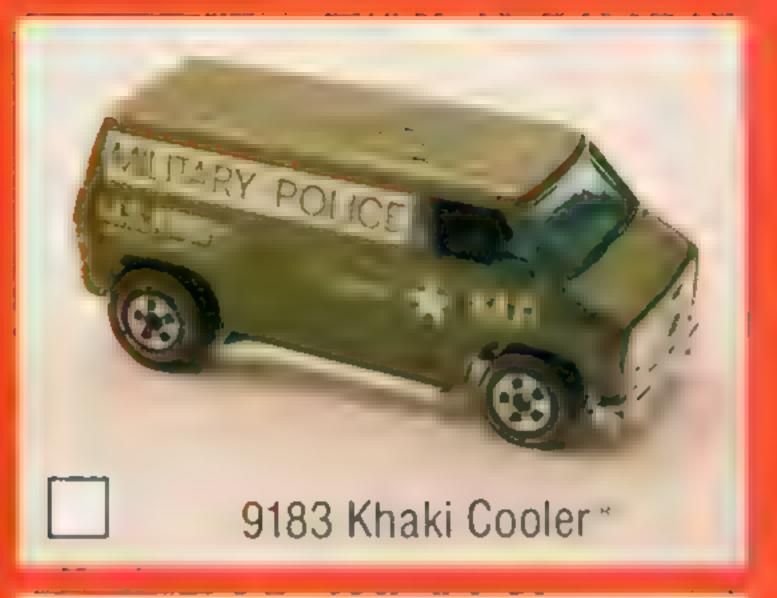


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Hot Wheels cases for storing 12, 24, 48 or even 72 vehicles are also collector's items. The 1982 Hot Wheels® Showcase is latest in the line.



















Motocross 1 and Street Eater® are the only motorcycles ever included in the regular Hot Wheels 8 line. The twenty-five vehicle model year also featured a Super Van with a racing bike & rider painted on a side panel. Two emergency vehicles had well-known names: Paramedic * and Emergency Squad. A tow truck, Ramblin' Wrecker®, carried familiar highway service markings. Recreational vehicles were well represented by the Backwoods Bomb a camper and dune buggy pickup.











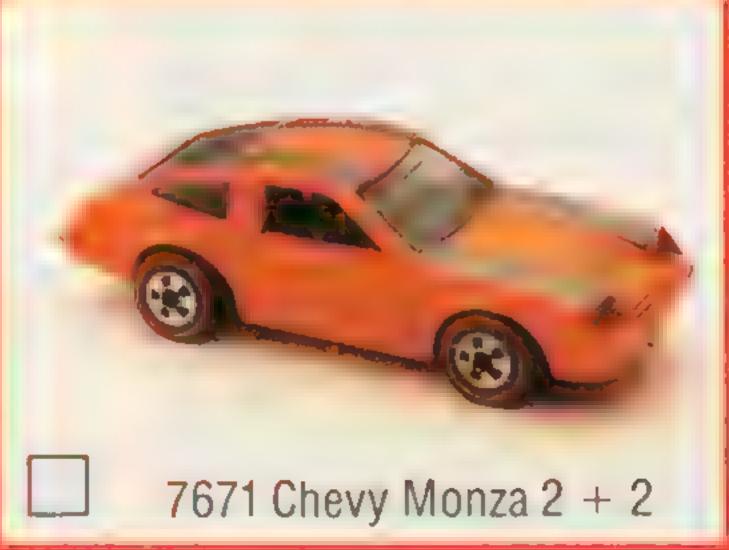


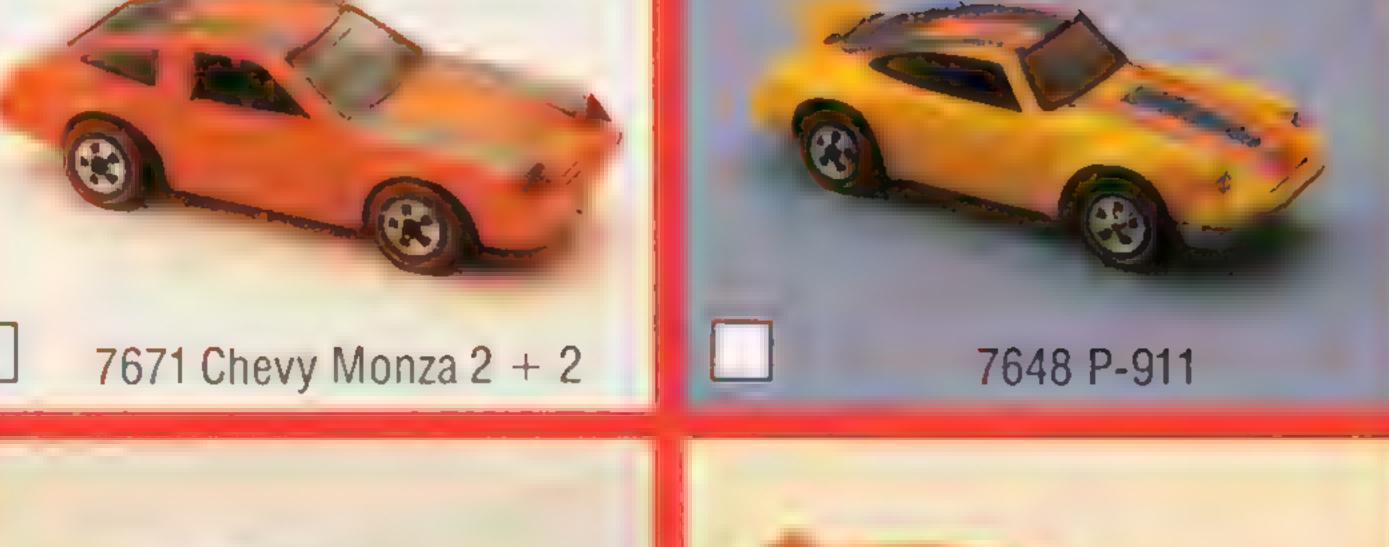




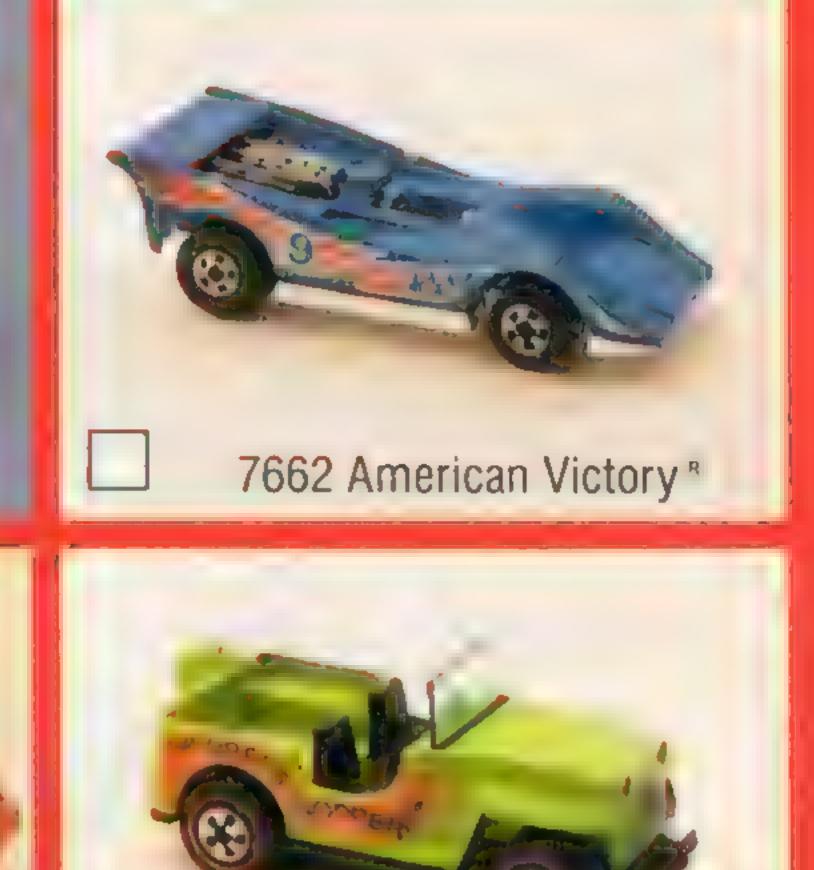
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Promotional models like those created for Herfy's Department Store or Procter & Gamble are not in this book. They were never part of the regular Hot Wheels® vehicle line.















7622 Grass Hopper





The Hot Wheels® line for '74 introduced an exciting finishing process that prints, designs and colors directly on painted metal bodies. From this point forward, all Hot Wheels® vehicles have added lustre and new precision in trim design. Nor was color the only innovation that year. Among the new models that joined the Hot Wheels vehicle lineup for 1974 were Steam Roller®, a red, white and blue racer, a dark blue pickup with red trim, plus Baja Bruiser, a four wheel drive offroad vehicle in orange.











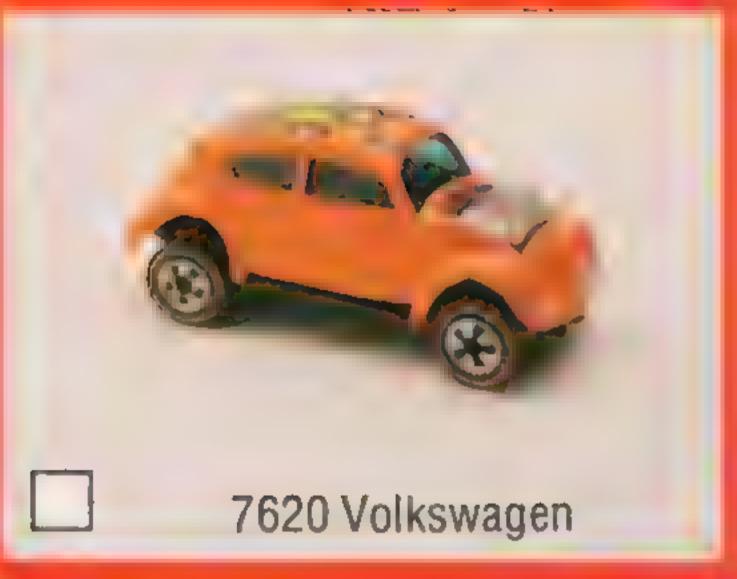


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The Hot Wheels® Road King dump truck is quite rare. It was available as part of a construction set only.













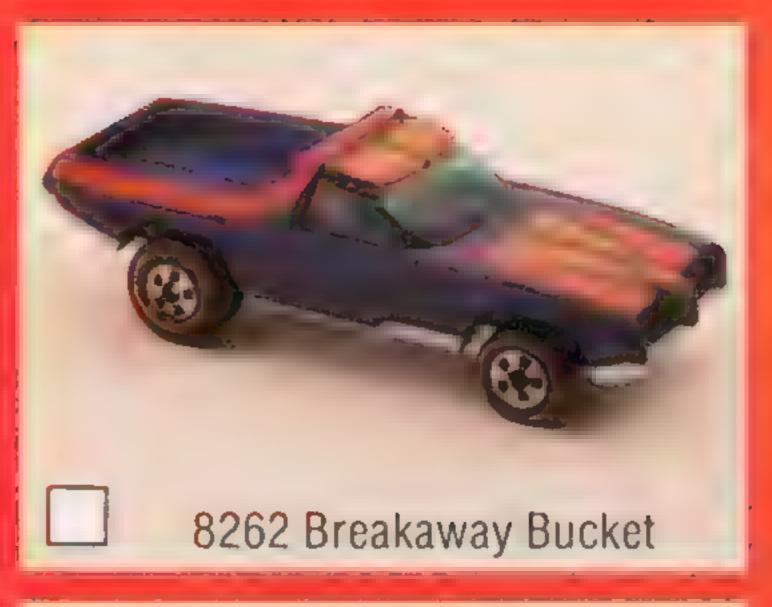
























In 1973 bright new color was added to the authentic detailing of the Hot Wheels line. A long, lean purple roadster, Sweet "16", was a V-16 with exposed side pipes. There was also a skyblue twin-turbine model racing spoiler bar. The Porsche 917 and the Police Cruiser both featured openup engine compartments. All Hot Wheels vehicles for 1973 offered a choice of body colors.













If you come across a
Hot Wheels comic
book in good condition,
you're in luck. These
no-longer-available
promotional items are
rare and collectable.

















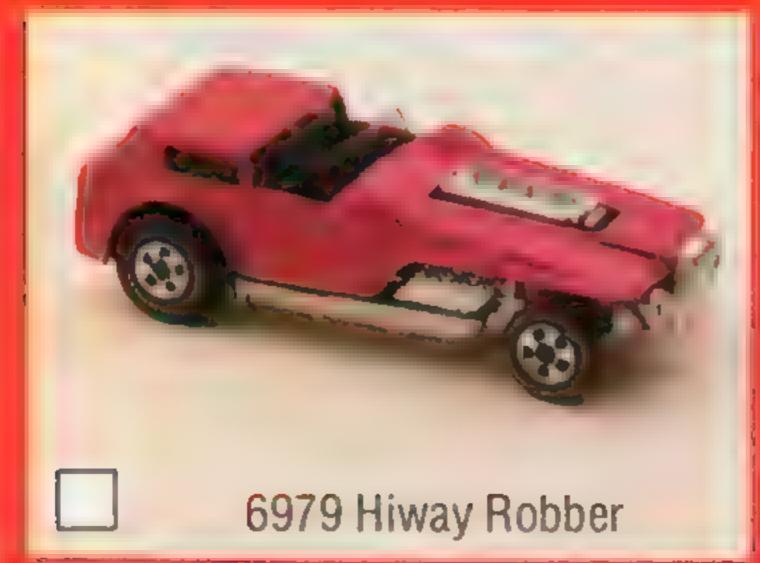
















Hot Wheels® Open Fire was perhaps the most unusual car of the year, 1972. It was a six wheeler with four wheels up front. The extralong nose carried an Allison V-12 aircraft engine. The green Ferrari 512 S and the gull-wing Mercedes-Benz C-111 literally opened up revealing authentically detailed cockpits. An armored truck, called Funny Money was mounted over a hot rod chassis. There was also a race car with a sidemount-engine. It had a driver's seat that slid out like a drawer.



In the early 70's, there was a racer called Whip Creamer, Hot Wheels* number 6457. It had working turbine fins. Blow on the back and they turned.













Two famous drag racers the Mongoose and the Snake - highlight Hot Wheels® for '71. Detailing on the lowslung dragsters and on the Snake II funny car was authentic, down to the last decal. Classic car buffs will take special note of the 1930's Cord Phaeton perhaps the most distinguished shovel nose in automotive history. Thirtyfive brand new Hot Wheels® vehicles rounded out the exciting model year, 1971.

















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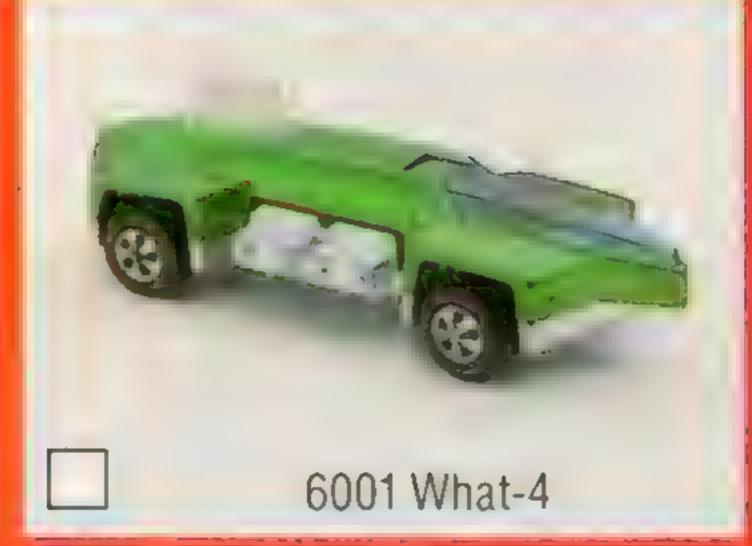
Look for the slicks with bright red sidewall stripes. They make early Hot Wheels models unmistakable.









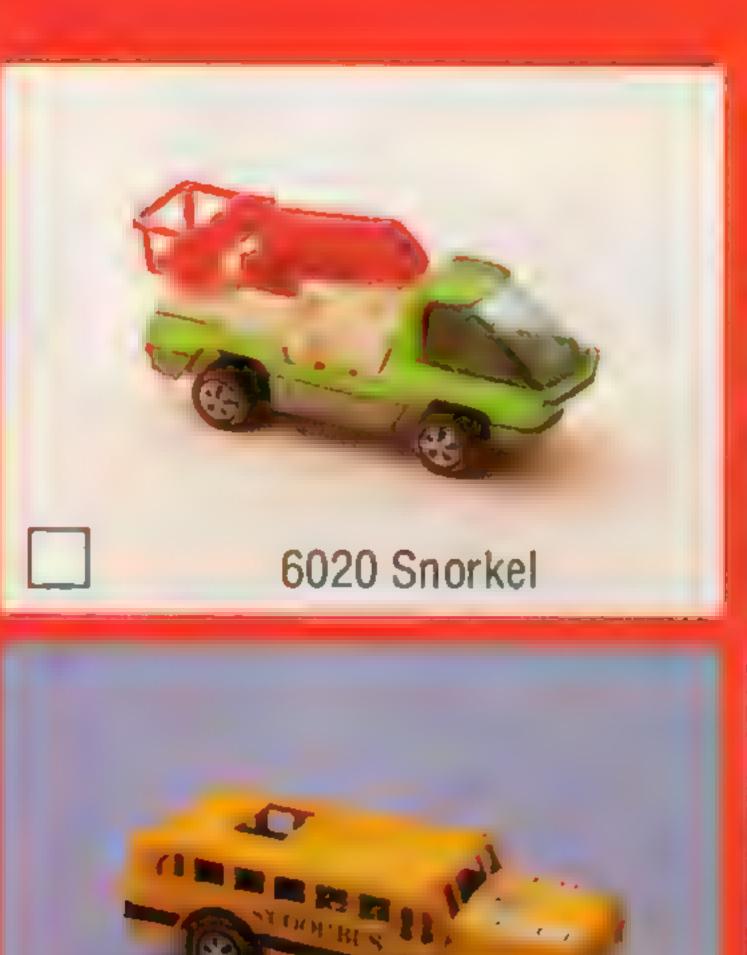


















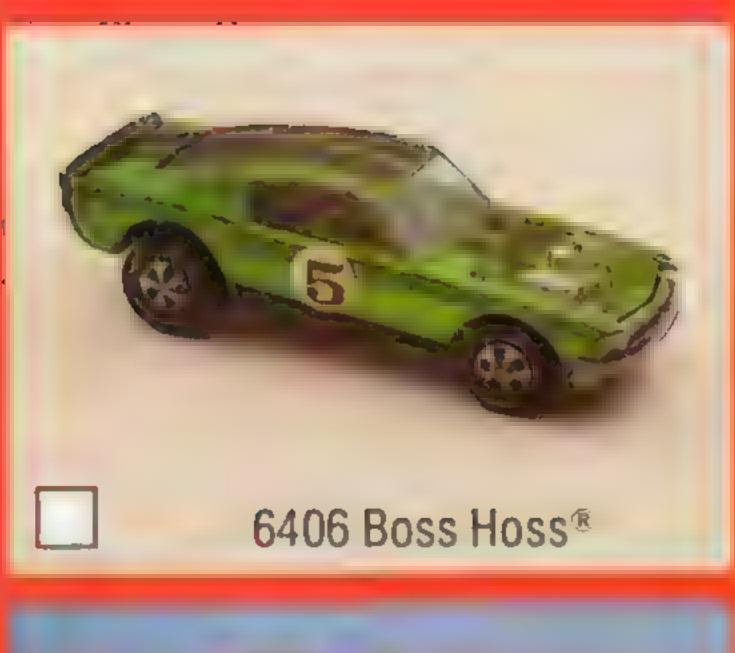
















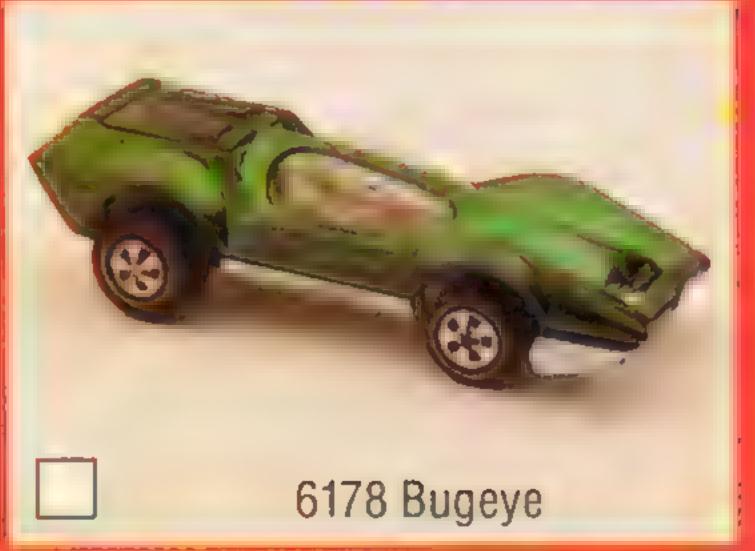






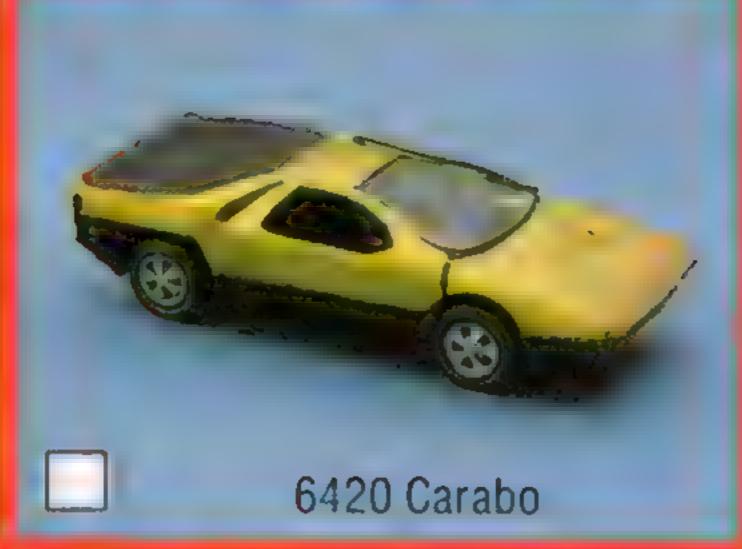


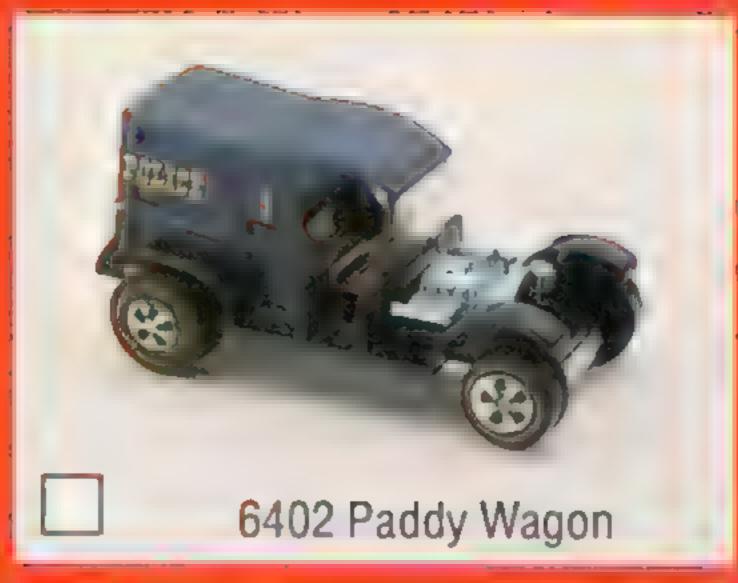




For model year 1970, Hot Wheels Heavyweights joined the lineup ... ambulance, tow truck, dump truck and a revolving cement mixer with picture window cab! The famous Ferrari 312 racer had exposed carburetor ram tubes. Chevrolet's Nomad wagon, one of the cleanest designs in Detroit history, kept the American classics represented. And 1970 was the year of the original Paddy Wagon hot rod, plus Red Baron . Later versions dropped the silver helmet spike to comply with safety regulations. In the third Hot Wheels model year, sixtythree vehicles made up the line.



















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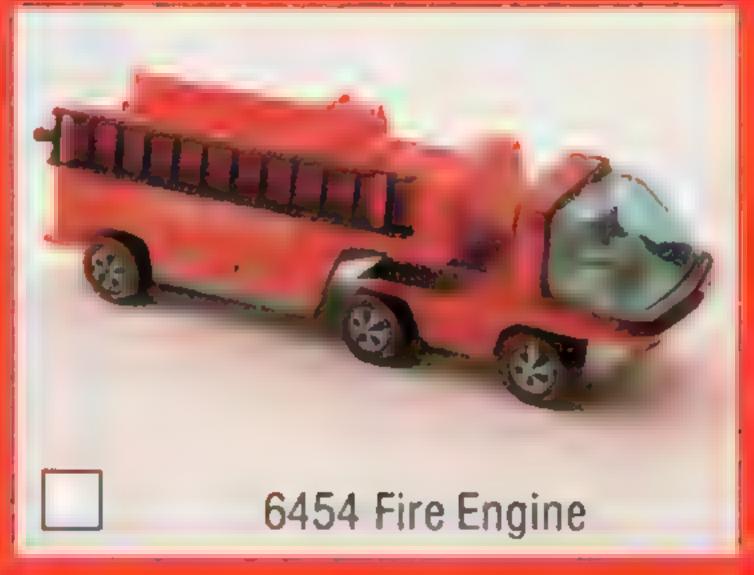
The original Hot Wheels® Paddy Wagon introduced in 1970, had windshield posts. Later versions were open-air, no posts.



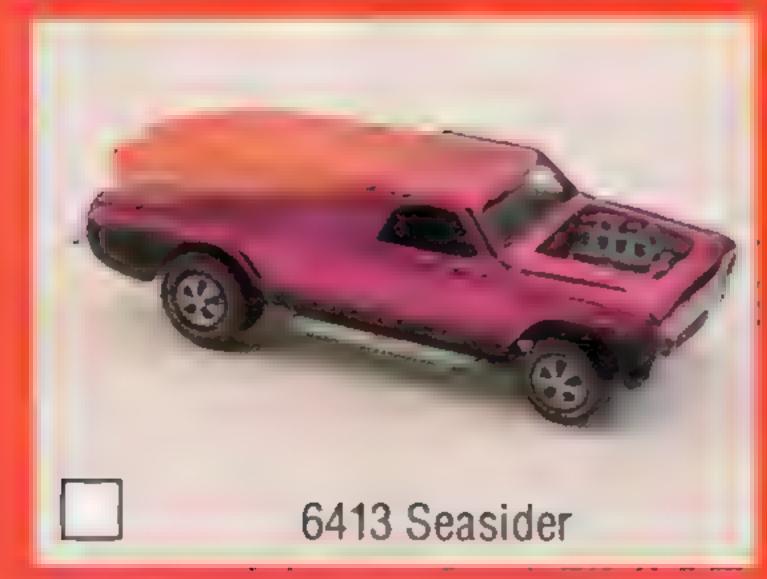
























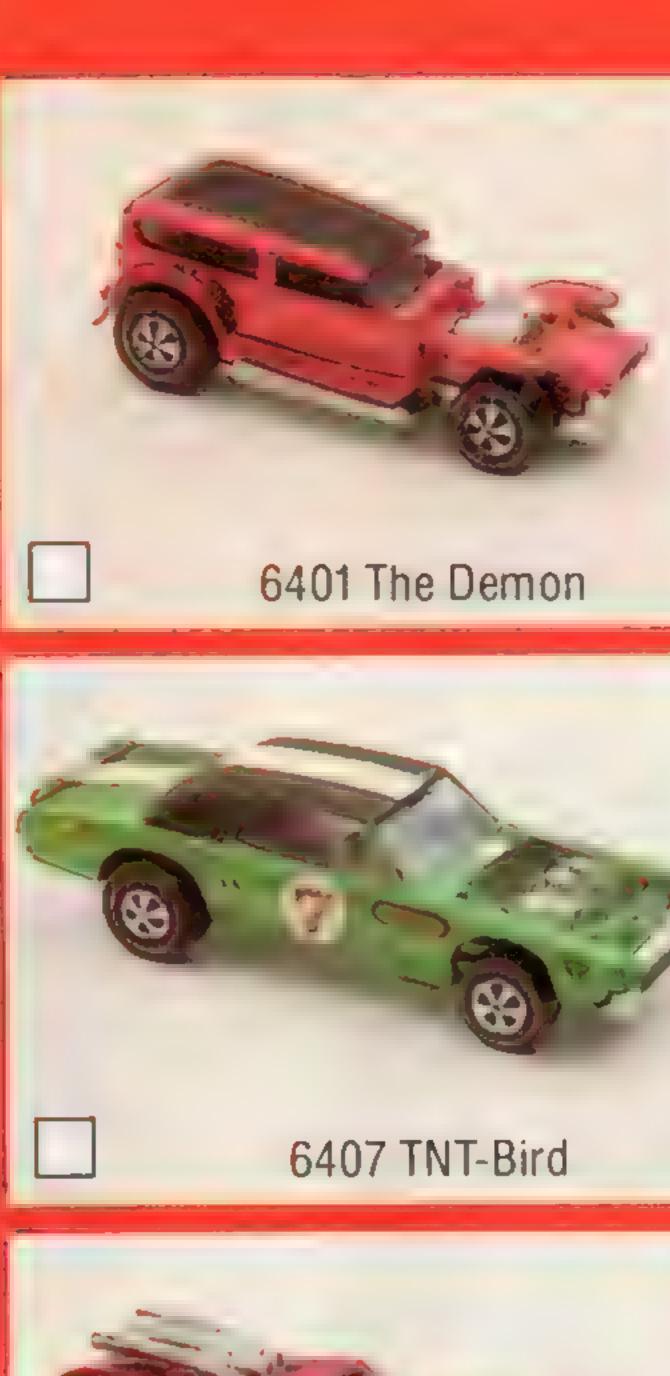








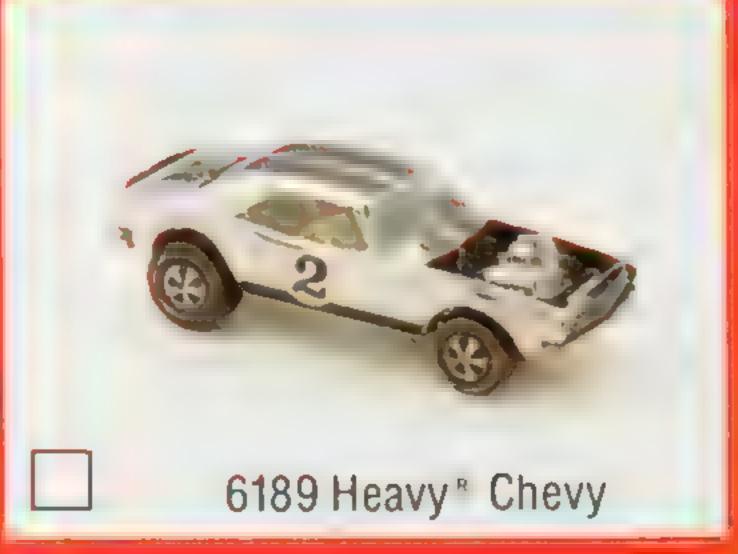




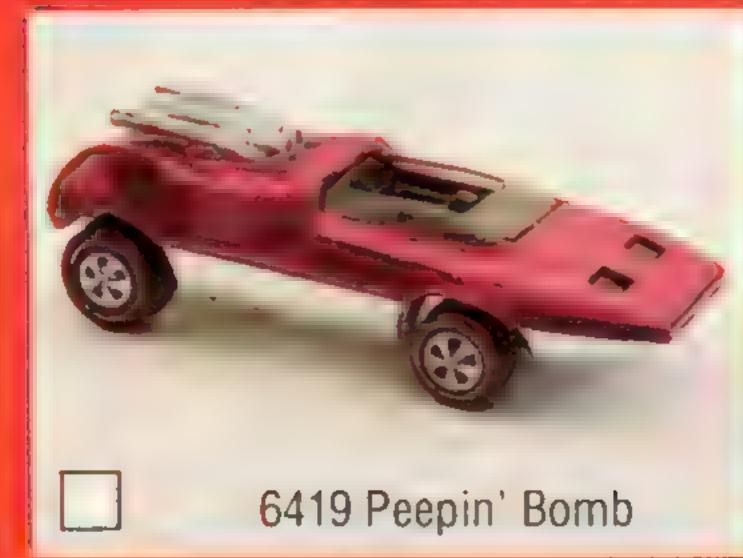
















For the second edition of *Hot* Wheels®, twenty-four new vehicles joined the lineup. There was a Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, a Continental Mark III and a Mercedes 280 SL. The classic 1936 Ford coupe was equipped with a rumble seat and the '57 T-Bird was a convertible. Two superb racing machines were also added, a turbine Lotus and the famous Brabham Repco F-1. Twelve Spectraflame paint colors were represented — from brown and olive to purple, lavender and gold.







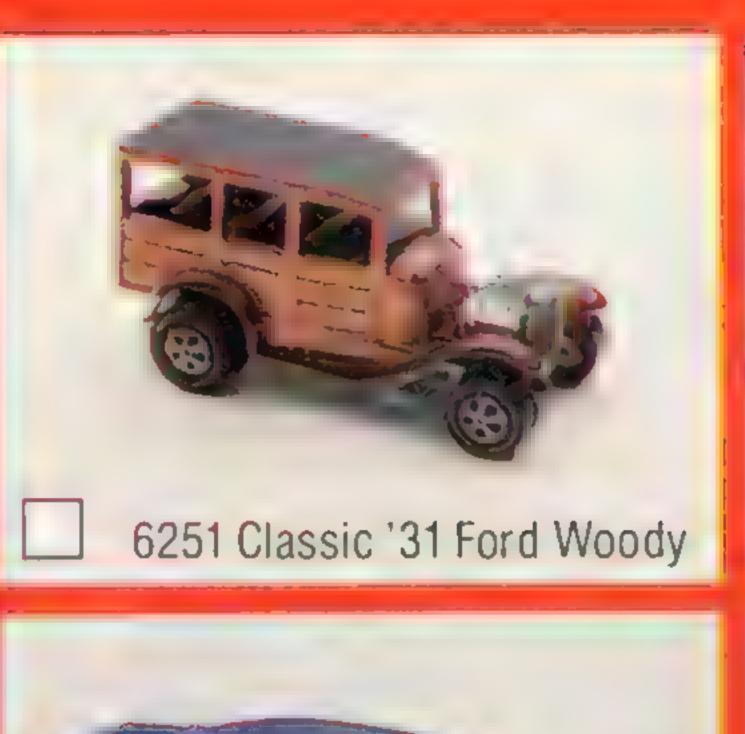






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The first Hot Wheels action set, introduced in 1969 was the Hot Wheels® SUPER-CHARGER® SPRINT set.





















The very first Hot Wheels® production model was a Chevrolet Camaro. It was available in blue or lime, ready for delivery in May, 1968. Sixteen vehicles began the soon-to-be famous Hot Wheels line. In addition to the Camaro, there was a Mustang fastback, a Barracuda and the Deora beach pickup with two removable surfboards. The first Hot Wheels street rod was a "blown" engine Model T, Hot Heap™. All sixteen Hot Wheels originals are shown here.









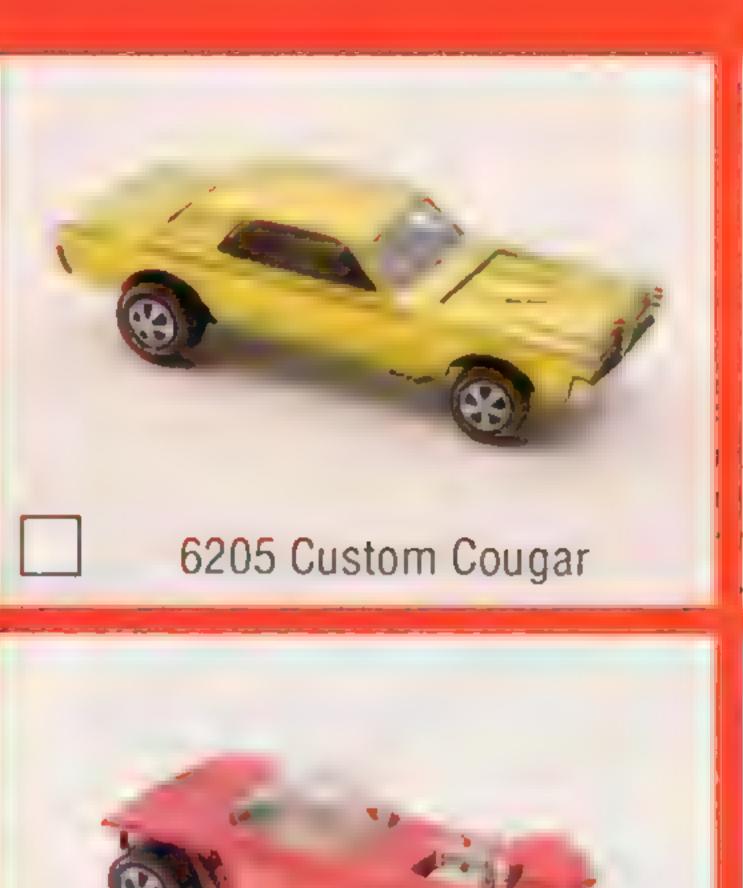






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Any one of the sixteen Hot Wheels® originals is rare. In the original package, extremely rare and collectable.





















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detaches from the cattle trailer, tanker or hauler behind it. 1982

models included, The Hot Wheels Steering Rigs line totals twelve









HOT WHEELS® Race and Stunt sets

Action is a Hot Wheels tradition. Right from the start in the 1960's, Hot Wheels racers have been challenging barriers and tunnels, going for a spinout — even double-daring each other in a *Criss-Cross Crash™*. The Flyin' Bronco™ set is literally that. You send a Hot Wheels 4-wheeler soaring over a pair of jump ramps. Two of the latest sets for 1982 feature action with innovation. The Hot

Wheels® Inside Track™ set is a self-contained, portable speedway with side-by-side expandable tracks. The *Hot Wheels*® Loop and Chute set is a race that features a drag chute brake.

Some Hot Wheels® vehicles not for use with some sets. Mattei® cannot supply older models. The 1982 line of HOT WHEELS® vehicles and sets is available at stores.

